

LAW OFFICES  
NELSON MULLINS RILEY & SCARBOROUGH, L.L.P.  
A REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP  
POINSETT PLAZA  
104 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 900  
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29601  
TELEPHONE (864) 250-2300  
FACSIMILE (864) 232-2925  
WWW.NMRS.COM

### Facsimile Cover Sheet

TO: Examiner Jose Fortuna FAX No. (703) 872-9539  
COMPANY: USPTO PHONE No. \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PAGES: 15 including cover sheet

\*\*\*

FROM: Robert S. Thomas DID No. (864) 250-2298  
RETURN TO: Melanie Powell FAX No. (864) 232-2394  
DATE/TIME: October 24, 2003 at 2:30 PM FILE No. 03768/09314RCE

COMMENTS: Per your conversation today with Robert S. Thomas, Patent Bar #52,284, please find attached a copy of the Request for Extension of Time and Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment as filed on June 25, 2003. Please feel free to contact Mr. Thomas with any questions you may have.

**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE:** The information contained in this facsimile message may be attorney privileged and confidential information and is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify us by telephone, and return the original message to us at the above address via the U.S. Postal Service. Thank you.

IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ALL PAGES, PLEASE CALL BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

FAX Page 1



10-24-03; 1:22PM; NELSON MULLINS

1864 250 2394

# 2 / 15

ED STATES POSTAL SERVICE®

POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE



\* E U 7 0 7 1 2 4 7 1 5 U S \*

ZIP Code		Day of Delivery		Flat Rate Envelope	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Next	<input type="checkbox"/> Second	<input type="checkbox"/>	
In				Postage	
Day Year		<input type="checkbox"/> 12 Noon <input type="checkbox"/> 3 PM		\$	
In		Military		Return Receipt Fee	
PM		<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Day <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Day			
Int'l		Int'l Alpha Country Code		COD Fee Insurance Fee	
Delivery		Acceptance Clerk Initials		Total Postage & Fees	
Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday				\$	

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR  
SERVICE GUARANTEE AND  
INSURANCE COVERAGE LIMITSCustomer Copy  
Label 11-8 June 2002

## CUSTOMER USE ONLY

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

Use Mail Corporate Acct. No.

## FROM: (PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE

Robert J. Thomas (03764/444/300314)  
Nelson Mullins  
Keweenaw Building, Third Floor  
1320 Broadway Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Federal Agency Acct. No. or  
Postal Service Acct. No.

JUN 26 2003

## TO: (PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE

NELSON MULLINS  
COLUMBIA OFFICE

Mail Stop 100  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA

ZIP + 4

2 2 3 1 3 + 1 4 5 0

FOR PICKUP OR TRACKING CALL 1-800-222-1811

www.usps.com



The stamp of the Patent Office hereon acknowledges receipt of the following:

1. Certificate of Express Mailing (1 page).
2. Fee Schedule (1 page)
2. Request for Extension of Time (2 pages)
3. Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment (9 pages)
4. Check No. 23073 in the amount of \$930.00 (1 page)
5. Check No. 23074 in the amount of \$750.00 (1 page)

Re: Jimenez et al. (Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.)  
S/N: 09/734,097  
Filed: December 11, 2000  
Title: Opacity Enhancement of Tissue Products With Thermally Expandable Microspheres  
Our Ref: 03768/9314  
Date: June 25, 2003

MAY  
FSE

STAMP

EU 707124715 US

Practitioner's Docket No. 03768/09314 (14300)

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Jimenez, <i>et al.</i>	)	Group Art Unit: 1731
	)	
Serial No.: 09/734,097	)	Examiner: José A. Fortuna
	)	
Filed: December 11, 2000	)	Deposit Account: 50-2548
For: Opacity Enhancement of Tissue)	)	
Products With Thermally	)	
Expandable Microspheres	)	

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

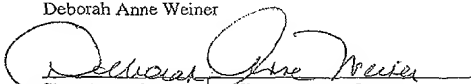
"Express Mail" label number EU707124715USDate of Deposit 6/25/03I hereby state that the following *attached* papers and fees:

1. Fee Schedule (1 page)
2. Request for Extension of Time (2 pages)
3. Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment (9 pages)
4. Check No. 23073 in the amount of \$930.00 (1 page)
5. Check No. 23074 in the amount of \$750.00 (1 page)
6. Return Postcard (1 page)

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, on the date indicated above and is addressed to :

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Deborah Anne Weiner

  
Signature of person mailing paper or fee

PTO/SB/17 (01-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0551-0032  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
for FY 2003**

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ ) 1,680.00

**Complete if Known**

Application Number 09/734,097  
 Filing Date December 11, 2000  
 First Named Inventor Jimenez, et al.  
 Examiner Name Jose A. Fortuna  
 Art Unit 1731  
 Attorney Docket No. 50-2548

**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None☒ Deposit Account:

Account Number 50-2548  
 Account Name Nelson Mullins

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☒ Credit any overpayments  
☐ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application  
☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 150	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent	-20** =	X	
Multiple Dependent	-3** =	X	

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)			

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	2053 65	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 820*	1804 820*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	930.00
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 235	Design issue fee	
1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	
1450 130	1450 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 750	2809 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1810 750	2810 375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	750.00
1801 750	2801 375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ ) 1,680.00

**SUBMITTED BY**

Name (Print Type) Robert S. Thomas

Registration No.  
(Attorney/Agent)

52,284

Telephone 864/250-2298

Signature

Date June 25, 2003

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.